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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

9:00 a.m.

Room 326, House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Natural Resources was called to order by Representative Andrea L. LaFontaine, Chair.

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The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives LaFontaine, Rendon, Forlini, Goike, McBroom, Whiteford, Kivela, and Smiley. (8/8)**
The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

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The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of May 24, 2016 as printed.

**Representative Rendon moved to adopt the minutes of May 24, 2016, as printed.
There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.**

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The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bill 717.

SB 717 (Casperson) Environmental protection; cleanups; underground storage tanks; provide for alternative mechanisms to protect against exposure to environmental contamination.

Kendra Everett, Legislative Director for Senator Casperson, answered members' questions.

Mark Griffin, President of the Michigan Petroleum Association, and Cliff Knaggs, Attorney for Michigan Petroleum Association, testified in support of the bill. Questions followed.

Sarah M. Howes, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, explained the department's concerns, and Robert Wagner, Program Deputy Director for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, provided further details about these concerns. Questions followed.

Sean Hammond, Deputy Policy Director for the Michigan Environmental Council, submitted a testimony card in opposition to the bill.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of the bill as amended, but did not wish to speak:

Casey Steffee, Governmental Affairs Analyst for the Michigan Association of Counties;
Daniel Papineau, Director of Government Relations for the Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers;

Peter Langley, Executive director of the Associated Petroleum Industries;
Dennis Kolar, Managing Director for the Road Commission for Oakland County; and
Ed Noyola, Deputy Director of the County Road Association of Michigan.

The Chair offered the substitute (H-1) for Senate Bill 717.

Representative Goike moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) for Senate Bill 717.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives LaFontaine, Rendon, Forlini, Goike, McBroom, Whiteford, Kivela, and Smiley, (8/8)

Nays: None. (0)

The substitute was adopted.

Representative McBroom moved to report Senate Bill 717 with the recommendation that the substitute (H-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives LaFontaine, Rendon, Forlini, Goike, McBroom, Whiteford, Kivela and Smiley, (8/8)

Nays: None. (0)

The bill and the substitute were referred to the full House

The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 5702.

HB 5702 (Bumstead) Natural resources; wildlife; issuance of permits to prevent or control damage, disease, or nuisance caused by animals; provide for.

Travis Chapman, Legislative Assistant for Representative Bumstead, the bill sponsor, explained the bill.

Trevor VanDyke, Legislative Liaison and Policy Advisor for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, testified in support.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Amy Trotter, Deputy Director for Michigan United Conservation Clubs; and
Andrew Vermeesch, Associate Legislative Counsel for Michigan Farm Bureau.

The Chair offered the following amendments to House Bill 5702:

1. Amend page 2, line 20, after “damage” by inserting “**TO CROPS OR FEED**”.
2. Amend page 2, line 22, after “damage” by inserting “**TO CROPS OR FEED**”.

Representative Rendon moved to adopt the amendments to House Bill 5702.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives LaFontaine, Rendon, Forlini, Goike, McBroom, Whiteford, Kivela, and Smiley, (8/8)

Nays: None. (0)

The amendments were adopted.

Representative Rendon moved to report House bill 5702 with the recommendation that the substitute (H-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives LaFontaine, Rendon, Forlini, Goike, McBroom, Whiteford, Kivela and Smiley, (8/8)

Nays: None. (0)

The bill and the substitute were referred to the full House.

The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bill 773.

SB 773 (Zorn) Natural resources; fishing; provision related to nonresident as commercial fishing guide; repeal.

Shane Preston, Legislative Director for Senator Zorn, the bill sponsor, explained the bill and answered questions.

Trevor VanDyke, Legislative Liaison and Policy Advisor for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, testified in support. Questions followed.

Amy Trotter, Deputy Director for Michigan United Conservation Clubs, testified in support of the bill.

There being no other business before the committee; **Representative McBroom moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 9:58 a.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

Andrea M. LaFontaine, Chair
House Standing Committee on Natural Resources

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee